IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) [[The]] An alarm unit of claim 1, comprising: a flash circuit having a flashtube for generating a flash;

an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) coupled to said flash circuit, for triggering said flash; and

an audio circuit, coupled to said ASIC, where said audio circuit generates an audio warning signal, wherein said ASIC selects an audio frequency for said audio warning signal, wherein said audio frequency being a sweep frequency.

Claims 14. - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An alarm unit, comprising:an audio circuit for generating an audio warning signal; and

an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) coupled to said audio circuit, for triggering said audio warning signal, wherein said ASIC selects an audio frequency for said audio warning signal, wherein said audio frequency being a sweep frequency.

- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (New) The alarm unit of claim 13, wherein said flash circuit further comprises a voltage doubler.
- 19. (New) The alarm unit of claim 13, wherein said ASIC provides a charge cycle that is greater than 8 kilohertz.